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FOUNDATION FOR
UNIVERSAL RESPONSIBILITY
of His Holiness The Dalai Lama

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES SENIOR FELLOWSHIPS FOR DALAI LAMA STUDIES & NALANDA STUDIES

Short Term Grants for Academic Research 2025

Commemorating the 90th birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the Foundation for Universal Responsibility invites applications for its prestigious **Senior Fellowship for Dalai Lama Studies & Nalanda Studies**, commencing in April 2025.

The Fellowships encourage innovative and multidisciplinary engagement with the teachings, commitments, legacy and philosophy of His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama, including the relevance of the Nalanda Tradition in addressing contemporary global challenges. The work must transcend hagiography to examine the value of His Holiness' secular vision in addressing personal and social predicaments.

The projects may explore topics such as the following, but not limited to-

- 1. Interfaith Dialogue** promoting mutuality and harmony amongst different faiths
- 2. Mindfulness, Mind Training, Mental Health** and Modern Relevance of Buddhism
- 3. Mind-Science dialogues** integrating neuroscience with contemplative practices, engaging with contemporary science and wisdom of alternate knowledge systems
- 4. Nurturing Secular Values**
- 5. Promoting Non-Violence and Peace** exploring His Holiness' extensive work to promote dialogue and reconciliation in conflict zones and his influence on global peace movements
- 6. Championing Human Rights, Democracy and Climate Action**
- 7. Sustaining the Tibetan movement in exile** and the preservation of **Tibetan heritage**
- 8. Personal Qualities and Philosophical Constructs** that drive His Holiness' work
- 9. Reviving India's ancient heritage**, the contemporary relevance and critical appreciation of the **Nalanda Tradition**
- 10. Preserving Buddhist wisdom and traditions** while expanding their boundaries



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Eligibility

The Fellowship Program is open to senior scholars, creative practitioners, media professionals, policy experts, individuals; Indians, and Tibetans residing in any part of the world, provided they possess substantial experience in their respective fields. **The Fellows are expected to bring to their work the highest standards of intellectual and academic rigor.** Applicants should have the capacity to independently carry out a year-long project and produce a comprehensive manuscript.

Selection Process

The Foundation expects to award 3-4 fellowships this year. Applicants would be shortlisted based on their applications and research proposal, followed by an interview with the selection committee. The Committee's decisions regarding the number, duration, and grant amount will be conclusive.

Expected Outcomes

The Fellowships must yield a manuscript of approximately **40,000 (length of book/thesis)** the details of which will be mutually decided upon. The Foundation expects to publish these as independent monographs or as a book by an established academic publisher for global distribution.

During the Fellowship, the Fellows need to present their work as part of a public lecture series twice – Mid-term and at the culmination of the Fellowship.

Financial Support

Grants awarded for the duration of 9-12 months may **receive a grant for up to 4 lakhs. Exceptional proposals may receive a grant up to 5 lakhs.**

The fellowship amount will be paid in **three installments.** The first installment will be paid at the commencement of the Fellowship period, second installment post the mid review presentation and the final installment will be paid on the submission of all work in a publication-ready format.

Application Process

[Apply here](#)

Deadline for Applications

The final deadline for all the applications is **25 February 2025, 11:59 pm IST.**



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Additional Details

The Foundation may publish and use the materials from the Fellowship, in part or in whole, with due acknowledgment in any manner such as on its website, on the net, by way of monographs, or as a collection of writings. The intellectual copyright will vest with the Fellows who may use their work in any manner they deem appropriate with the expectation that they will acknowledge the enabling role of the Fellowship and inform the Foundation.

Any royalties or revenues that accrue directly to the Fellows may be retained by them. Should these accrue to the Foundation and exceed Rs 1,000/- in a financial year, they will be paid to the Fellows.

In the case of **joint projects**, involving more than one research scholar/person, the Foundation will consider **mutually acceptable arrangements**.

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FAQs

In case of any concerns or queries, please contact Dr. Tenzin Sonam, Senior Research Fellow at tenzin.sonam@furhhdl.org or Akashleena, Program Officer at akashleena@furhhdl.org.